January 8 2013 Meeting Notes (Draft)

Stephanie Mballo, Steve Graci, and Carol Dixon of Idaho Federation for Families Jason Stone, Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections – via phone Valeria Delyea, Boise County Juvenile Justice Shelley Retter, Boise School District Gina Westcott, Mechelle Wilson, and Laura Thomas, Region 4 H&W Doug Miller, Valley County court Services – via phone Liza Long, Wendy Thompson and Randy Nurmi – parents and concerned citizens

Jennifer Martin, Carrie Morie, and Amanda Phillips were not able to attend.

Call to order - Steve Graci

The group was called to order at 9:40 a.m.

Introductions -

Introductions for each person and their agency were brief. Each of the parent participants provided a brief personal story of their experiences with a child affected by mental illness, their frustrations and hopes for future improvement.

Review of December 11 meeting notes for edits/acceptance

No changes were noted for the meeting notes from December; notes accepted.

Review of website capabilities

Laura reviewed the possibilities for using the Region 4 Mental Health page as a communication tool for the subcommittee. Consensus was to request an additional section "Children's Mental Health", that would be a collapsed module (requires clicking drop down to see the items posted under the banner). Laura will make the request and expects that this function should be part of the Mental Health page within two or three weeks. Once it is set up, all Children's Mental Health Subcommittee information will be migrated to the new section and subcommittee members will be sent an email with the link to the site.

Update on Jeff D information session and regional interest state wide

Laura reported that feedback from other regions in the state was positive for extending the information session via video conference. If the presentation occurs during a future Region 4 children's mental health subcommittee meeting, the presentation start time needs to be 9:30 a.m. to allow Regions 1 and 2 (in the pacific time zone time) to get to a meeting location. It is possible that another day and time will be scheduled, depending on availability of statewide sites.

Gina Westcott reported that the proposed legislation for transformation of the regional advisory committee on substance abuse (RAC) and mental health (MH) board to a single behavioral health board has been released. This topic will be a major area of discussion at the combined meeting of the two groups tomorrow, January 9.

Discussion was held on the impact of this change relative to the current directive to the regional children's mental health subcommittees for monitoring Jeff D issues. Group consensus was to ask for

more information and direction (such as the information session on the Jeff D law suit under discussion by the subcommittee, asking for central office assistance in securing speaker with background and coordinating regional sites) at the combined RAC and MH meeting. It was noted that the planning council may be able to provide guidance on how regional information is organized. General feeling of the group was that more information is needed and direction is wanted so that local work is meaningful.

Discussion/determination of timeline for Jeff D report to regional MH board

This item is tabled to a future meeting, in view of the period of flux presented by the proposed legislation and previous discussion. The intent of a timeline is simply to provide the milestones and organizing points to help the subcommittee achieve the outcomes needed.

Discussion of children's mental health week activities for region 4

A variety of events in local schools are planned for April, May and June by groups in the area that share the subcommittee's vision. Members are encouraged to send information on any events to Laura for collection in addition to ideas for a specific project the subcommittee would undertake. Once more is known about the subcommittee's duties, this can be flushed out in more detail. The mission and vision of the subcommittee was also discussed. Laura will send out the information captured at the last meeting (in the Dec notes) and others are encouraged to send their input.

Next meeting details -

Agency or group to present summary of information related to Jeff D – Shelley from Boise Schools will provide an agency update

Confirmation of location and time – February 12, Tuesday – 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. in room 131 (same location as past two meetings.) A telephone line will be available for those needing to connect by distance.

(Schedule note: R4 MH Board meets that day at noon, Ada County Sheriff's Office campus, building #1)